



FOCUS

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Welcome to the first edition of **FOCUS**, the official e-Newsletter of the Swiss Federation Of Cricket Umpires & Scorers (aka sFOCUS).

This newsletter has been designed to promote the Officials' Federation and to inform the membership and the cricketing community in Switzerland and beyond of the Federation's activities.

As self appointed editor of FOCUS, I will coordinate the production and distribution of each issue. So if you know of someone that would like to receive their own copy in future send me an email.

And I welcome your input. If you have an article or some information, photos, or tips you would like to share with us then submit it to us by email to chair@swissfocus.org.

Who knows, your article may appear in the next issue. 🐦

On Saturday 10th April 2010, sFOCUS ran an Introduction to Umpiring course in Bern.

Presented by sFOCUS Chairman, Alex Mackay, participants attended a one day course covering the umpire's duties, LBW, Wide and No Ball and the other most common laws applicable to Swiss cricket, all interspersed with video examples from the IPL.

The course also included the unique exceptions permitted in Swiss cricket, according to the S.C.A. league rules.

The course was followed by a short multiple choice test. Successful candidates of an sFOCUS Introduction to Cricket Course are permitted to umpire in domestic SCA league and cup matches.

"The course is specifically designed to qualify individuals to officiate in Swiss domestic fixtures. It helps candidates gain sufficient knowledge to officiate their first match with some confidence in the knowledge they possess the fundamentals required and expected. After officiating in a few games, candidates discover for themselves whether they feel they have the correct aptitude for umpiring. They can decide for themselves if they want to pursue umpiring by gaining an internationally recognised umpiring qualification through the support of the ICC.

A special thanks to *NewImpact* and in particularly to Mr. John Alonsa for his support and for allowing us to use the conferencing facilities free of charge. 🐦

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Products now available from the sFOCUS e-shop:

Product	Cost (CHF)
*Scorebook Readers 60 innings	15.00
*Readers ball counter	5.00
sFOCUS Tie	25.00
*Officials' on-field set	25.00

* These products are also available as a bundle 1x Scorebook, 1 On-field set & 2 Ball counters for CHF45.00

sFOCUS Executive 2010

The 2010 executive committee:

Office	Officer
Chairman:	A.Mackay
Treasurer:	P.Cawsey
Secretary:	M.Koshy
Director of Umpiring:	A.Mackay
Director of Scoring:	M.Koshy
Webmaster:	R.Thomas

If you would like to volunteer to help sFOCUS don't hesitate to contact us! 🐦

Membership 2010

2010 Membership is now due. If you would like to be a member of sFOCUS your membership payment should be made to:

ACCOUNT NAME: SWISS FOCUS
IBAN No.: CH120900000854036042
Account No.: 85-403604-2
BIC: POFICHBEXXX

Qualification	Annual Fee
*Passed	CHF 20.00
*Recognised	CHF 20.00
Qualified	CHF 50.00

* Talk to your club about the 'new' en bloc discount scheme 🐦

New Cricket Laws 2010

New Laws of Cricket come into effect in October 2010 (refer to www.lords.org).

While these laws don't affect the current season and while there is nothing substantial that affects Swiss cricket, we need to be aware of them for 2011. 🐦



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